

# Community Behavioral Health Promotion and Prevention Commission

## Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2020

3:00-5:00 pm

Date of meeting: Thursday, June 25, 2020

Start time: 3:00 pm

End time: 5:00 pm

Location: Virtual Meeting (WebEx)

Members participating remotely		Vote 1*	Vote 2
1	Joan Mikula – Department of Mental Health ( <i>chair</i> )	-	X
2	Lisette Blondet – MA Association of Community Health Workers	X	X
3	Marilyn DeSantis – National Alliance on Mental Illness – MA	A	X
4	Yaminette Diaz-Linhart – MA Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers	X	X
5	Kirsten Doherty – MA Organization for Addiction Recovery	X	X
6	Margaret Hannah – Freedman Center at William James College	X	X
7	Pat Johnson – Office of Senator Cyr ( <i>designee of Senator Cyr</i> )	A	X
8	Jessica Larochelle – MA Association for Mental Health	X	X
9	Ryan Manganelli – Office of Representative Decker ( <i>designee of Representative Decker</i> )	A	X
10	Danna Mauch – MA Association for Mental Health	X	X
11	Mary McGeown – MA Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children	X	X
12	James Morton – Trial Court (ret.) ( <i>designee of Chief Justice Carey</i> )	-	-
13	Carlene Pavlos – MA Public Health Association	X	X
14	Emma Schlitzer – Center for Health Information and Analysis ( <i>designee of Ray Campbell</i> )	X	X
15	Emily Sherwood – Department of Mental Health	X	X
16	Lindsey Tucker – Department of Public Health	A	X
17	James Vetter – Social-Emotional Learning Alliance for MA	X	X
Members participating remotely			
18	George Beilin – Licensed Psychologist	-	-
19	Daniel Cullinane – MA House of Representatives	-	-
20	Cindy Friedman – MA Senate	-	-
21	Amanda Gilman – Association for Behavioral Healthcare	-	-

\* (X) Voted in favor; (O) Opposed; (A) Abstained from vote; (-) Absent from meeting or during vote

## **Proceedings**

Deputy Commissioner Sherwood called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. She noted that all votes taken during the meeting would be conducted via roll call.

Deputy Commissioner Sherwood welcomed members, reviewed the agenda, and provided a brief update on the status of the Community Behavioral Health Trust Fund, explaining that a state budget had not yet been issued from the House Ways and Means Committee.

**Vote I to approve the 2/24/2020 minutes:** Deputy Commissioner Sherwood requested a motion to approve the minutes from the Commission's previous meeting on February 24, 2020. Professor Hannah introduced the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Vetter and approved by roll-call vote (see detailed record of votes above).

Deputy Commissioner Sherwood facilitated a discussion with members regarding the impact that both the COVID-19 pandemic and the ongoing racial and social justice movements are having on the work of the Commission. During the discussion, members proposed that the rubric developed for evaluating proposals be updated to reflect the increased importance of social emotional competencies and that a key priority for the Commission going forward should be the urgent need to put resources behind healing for people of color who have experienced trauma most deeply.

From the discussion, two work streams were proposed:

1. Development of a statement on racial inequities on behalf of the Commission during the coming week. Mr. Vetter and Ms. Pavlos agreed to develop bulleted, core concepts for the statement, which would be further defined in collaboration with Deputy Director Sherwood, Dr. Mauch, Ms. Diaz-Linhart, and Ms. Doherty. Members to share drafts with Commission staff.
2. Development of a proposal centered on support for frontline staff and caregivers of youth. Deputy Director Sherwood, Ms. Diaz-Linhart, Ms. LaRochelle, Professor Hannah agreed to work on this topic.

### **Summary of action items and next steps:**

- Work group to begin drafting statement addressing the ongoing social justice movement across the country.
- Work group to develop a proposal centered on support for frontline staff and caregivers of youth to share with the Commission during the August 20 virtual meeting.

**Vote to adjourn:** Deputy Commissioner Sherwood requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Diaz-Linhart introduced the motion, which was seconded by Ms. McGeown and approved by roll-call vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.